

# Schleiermacher

Wesley J. Wildman — Boston University — Fall 2011 — STH TT899/TT934

## *Course Description*

The primary aim of this course is to read and understand the theology of Friedrich Daniel Ernst Schleiermacher, one of the most important and influential European intellectuals of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, and known variously as the Father of Romanticism, the Father of Hermeneutics, the Father of German Plato studies, the Father of Modern Protestant Theology, and the Father of Liberal Christian Theology. The course focuses on *The Christian Faith* (*CF*) but also covers some other of his writings—particularly *On Religion: Speeches to Its Cultured Despisers* (*OR*) and *Letters to Lücke* (*LL*)—and some biographical material. The secondary aim is to help students develop their own theological ideas in detailed conversation with Schleiermacher's, a purpose for which *CF* is particularly well suited.

The class has 800-level and 900-level designations to accommodate both advanced masters and doctoral students, respectively. Classes will meet once a week on Wednesdays from 8:00-11:00. Each class will be conducted in the seminar discussion format with mini-lectures given by the instructor as needed or requested by the class. Typically the class will read and discuss certain sections extremely closely while lectures and student presentations will keep us oriented to the wider territory within the world of the two books.

## *Grading*

The main product of the course will be a research paper involving close reading and critique of one aspect of Schleiermacher's *CF*. The paper should be about 3,000 words for TT899 students and 5,000 words for TT934 students. The topic is to be approved in advance by the instructor. This research paper will earn the largest share of the grade (40%), with the remainder being based on detailed 1,000-1,500 word reviews of two books on the review list (i.e. English-language biographies, secondary works, or other writings of Schleiermacher—20%), seminar leadership and contributions to the online Reader's Guide for *CF* (20%), and quality of participation (20%).

Class output, where appropriate, will be posted to the "Friedrich Schleiermacher Resources" website, which is the largest Schleiermacher site in the world (<http://people.bu.edu/wwildman/schl/>).

## *Policies*

Incompletes are not allowed—as a matter of fairness—except in cases of serious emergencies. Don't leave your emergency to the last minute. Paperwork is necessary.

Students with Disabilities—Any students in this course who have a disability that might prevent them from fully demonstrating their abilities should meet with the instructor as soon as possible to initiate disability verification and discuss accommodations that may be necessary to ensure your full participation in the successful completion of course requirements.

Students taking the course for doctoral credit are required to do all work at a doctoral level. In addition, students should submit one 1000-word review of a recent book related to the course content for publication in an appropriate journal. This review is in addition to regular coursework.

The STH Academic Code of Conduct may be found on the STH website at: [www.bu.edu/sth/academic/academic-conduct](http://www.bu.edu/sth/academic/academic-conduct). All students are required to familiarize themselves with this code, its definitions of misconduct, and its sanctions. Students should especially familiarize themselves with the section on plagiarism.

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## *Proposed Seminar Schedule*

Here is a proposed schedule of readings. This being a seminar, we will consider ourselves free to deviate from this timetable if it seems advisable. Students will also read and present on other relevant literature surrounding Schleiermacher's life and work (see "Books Suitable for Reviews" below).

9/7	Introduction to Schleiermacher and his theology
9/14	OR Crouter's Introduction and Speech 1
9/21	OR Speeches 2, 3
9/28	OR Speeches 4, 5 [first review due prior to class]
10/5	CF Introduction, Chapter I (1-93)
10/12	CF Introduction, Chapter II (94-128); LL (entire)
10/19	CF Part I Section I (131-193)
10/26	CF Part I Section II and Section III (194-256)
11/2	CF Part II First Aspect (259-354) [second review due prior to class]
11/9	CF Part II Second Aspect Section I Division I (355-475)
11/16	No Class: Fall Recess
11/23	CF Part II Second Aspect Section I Division II (476-524)
11/30:	CF Part II Second Aspect Section II Division I (525-581)
Not read:	CF Part II Second Aspect Section II Division II (582-695) [Doctoral students will produce online material for this reading though it won't be discussed in class]
12/7	CF Part II Second Aspect Section II Division III, Section III, and Conclusion (696-751)

## *Required Books*

- Schleiermacher, Friedrich D.E. *The Christian Faith*, tr. and ed. H.R. Mackintosh and J.S. Stewart. With a Forward by Brian A. Gerrish. Tr. of the 2<sup>nd</sup> German ed. of *Der Christliche Glaube*, 1930-31; 1<sup>st</sup> German ed., 1821-22. First published 1928. Edinburgh: T & T Clark, 1999. [9780567087096]
- Schleiermacher, Friedrich D.E. *On Religion: Speeches to Its Cultured Despisers*. Be sure to use the second edition of Crouter's translation of the 1799 first edition of *Über die Religion* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1996) rather than Crouter's first edition (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1988). [9780521479752] Do not use the older translation of the 1821 third edition of *Über die Religion* by John Oman (first published 1893; most recently republished Philadelphia: Westminster John Knox Press, 1994).
- Schleiermacher, Friedrich D.E. *On the Glaubenslehre: Two Letters to Dr. Lucke*. Translated by James Duke and Francis Fiorenza. Chico, CA: Scholars Press, 1981. [978-0-8-9130420-3]

## *Books Suitable for Reviews*

- Brandt, Richard B. *The Philosophy of Schleiermacher: The Development of His Theory of Scientific and Religious Knowledge*. Westport, 1968.
- Clements, Keith W. *Friedrich Schleiermacher: Pioneer of Modern Theology*. The Making of Modern Theology series. New York: Collins, 1987.
- Crouter, Richard. *Friedrich Schleiermacher: Between Enlightenment and Romanticism*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2005.
- DeVries, Dawn. *Jesus Christ in the Preaching of Calvin and Schleiermacher*. Louisville: Westminster/John Knox, 1996.
- Funk, Robert W., ed. *Schleiermacher as Contemporary*. New York: Herder and Herder, 1970.
- Gerrish, Brian A. *A Prince of the Church: Schleiermacher and the Beginnings of Modern Theology*. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 1984.

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- Lamm, Julia. *The Living God: Schleiermacher's Theological Appropriation of Spinoza*. University Park: Pennsylvania State University Press, 1994.
- Mariña, Jacqueline, ed. *The Cambridge Companion to Friedrich Schleiermacher*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2005.
- Nicol, Iain G. *Schleiermacher and Feminism: Sources, Evaluations, and Responses*. Schleiermacher Studies and Translations, Vol. 12. Edwin Mellen Press, 1992.
- Niebuhr, Richard R. *Schleiermacher on Christ and Religion: A New Introduction*. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1964.
- Redeker, Martin. *Schleiermacher: Life and Thought*, translated by John Wallhauser from the 1968 German edition. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 1973.
- Schleiermacher, Friedrich D.E. *The Life of Jesus*, translated by S. Maclean Gilmour, edited by Jack C. Verheyden. Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1975 or Sigler Press, 1997.
- Schleiermacher, Friedrich D.E. *Brief Outline on the Study of Theology*, translated by Terrence N. Tice. Atlanta: John Knox, 1966.
- Schleiermacher, Friedrich D.E. *Christmas Eve: A Dialogue on the Celebration of Christmas*. Edinburgh: T&T Clark, 1890.
- Schleiermacher, Friedrich D.E. *A Debate on Jewish Emancipation and Christian Theology in Old Berlin*. Hackett Publishing Company, 2004.
- Schleiermacher, Friedrich D.E. *Dialectic or, The Art of Doing Philosophy: A Study Edition of the 1811 Notes*. Translated by Terrence N. Tice. Atlanta; Scholars Press, 1996.
- Schleiermacher, Friedrich D.E. *Fifteen Sermons of Friedrich Schleiermacher Delivered to Celebrate the Beginning of a New Year*. Translated by Edwina G. Lawler from *Monologe* (1800). Edwin Mellen Press, 2003.
- Schleiermacher, Friedrich D.E. *Hermeneutics and Criticism and Other Writings*. Translated by Andrew Bowie. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1998.
- Schleiermacher, Friedrich D.E. *Hermeneutics: The Handwritten Manuscripts*. Translated by James Duke and Jack Forstman. Edited by Heinz Kimmerle. Atlanta; Scholars Press, 1977.
- Schleiermacher, Friedrich D.E. *Introduction to Christian Ethics*. Translated by John C. Shelley. Nashville; Abingdon Press, 1989.
- Schleiermacher, Friedrich D.E. *Lectures on Philosophical Ethics*. Translated by Louise Adey Huish. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2002.
- Schleiermacher, Friedrich D.E. *On Creeds, Confessions and Church Union: "That They May Be One."* Translated by Iain G. Nicol. Edwin Mellen Press, 2004.
- Schleiermacher, Friedrich D.E. *Selected Sermons of Schleiermacher*. Translated by Mary F. Wilson. Wipf & Stock Publishers, 2004.
- Schleiermacher, Friedrich D.E. *Servant of the Word: Selected Sermons of Friedrich Schleiermacher*. Translated and edited by Dawn DeVries. Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1987.
- Schleiermacher, Friedrich D.E. *Schleiermacher's Soliloquies*. Translated by Horace Leland Friess. Open Court, 1926.
- Schleiermacher, Friedrich D.E. *The Life of Schleiermacher, as Unfolded in His Autobiography and Letters*, 2 volumes. Translation of the first two volumes of *Aus Schleiermacher Leben in Briefen* by Frederica Rowan. London: Smith, Elder, 1860.
- Sykes, Stephen. *Friedrich Schleiermacher*. Richmond: John Knox Press, 1971.
- Tice, Terrence. *Schleiermacher Bibliography*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1966. This work contains 1,928 entries of primary sources and secondary literature dating up to 1966.
- Williams, Robert R. *Schleiermacher the Theologian: The Construction of the Doctrine of God*. Philadelphia: Fortress, 1978.